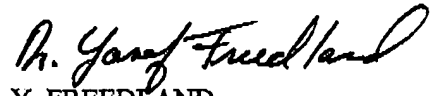


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words "planar . . . width substantially parallel to said axis". The definition of "planar" is "of or pertaining to a geometric plane." (Webster's Encyclopedic Unabridged Dictionary of the English Language) Thus the applicant invention is clearly distinguished from a wing that is perpendicular to the axis of rotation as seen in Dzus.

In the event that the Examiner cannot issue a notice of allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at (972) 56-758-096. Note that Israel is 7 hours ahead of Washington, and that the normal work week is Sunday through Thursday. The undersigned can usually be reached until 1:30 PM Washington time at the above number. Alternatively, please use the address listed below for sending correspondence to the Applicant.

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34. (Amended) An orthopedic fastening system comprising:

(a) an elongate fastener adapted for installation into a bore in a bone and comprising a collet engaging surface:

(b) a single winged element pivotally engaged with a first end of the elongate fastener such that it is pivotable about an axis adjacent said first end and having a planar [flat] outer portion with a width substantially parallel to said axis and a length larger than the diameter of the bore into which the fastener is to be installed; and

(c) a collet engaged with a second end of the elongate fastener.